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8 **IN THE SUPREME COURT**
9 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

10 In the Matter of:

11 **PETITION TO AMEND CANON**
12 **2.3, RULE 81, ARIZONA RULES**
13 **OF SUPREME COURT**

Supreme Court No. R-15-0014

14 **COMMENT OF**
15 **THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**

16 Pursuant to Rule 28(D) of the Arizona Rules of Supreme Court, the State Bar
17 of Arizona hereby files the following as its Comment in support of the Petition which
18 gives rise to this cause.

19 Having considered the Petition to Amend Canon 2.3, Rule 81, Ariz. R. Sup.
20 Ct. to add the words "gender identity" as a classification intended for protection from
21 bias, discrimination and harassment, the State Bar of Arizona find the Petition to be
22 meritorious. Accordingly, the State Bar of Arizona supports the Petition along with
23 its proposed amendments to Judicial Canon 2.3(B) and (C).

24 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of May, 2015.

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Electronic copy filed with the
Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court
this 18th day of May, 2015.

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